

COLLABORATIVE ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN

**MIAMI DADE COLLEGE
(Miami, Florida)**

AND

**FISK UNIVERSITY
(Nashville, Tennessee)**

This agreement establishes guidelines and procedures to facilitate the transfer of Miami Dade College students to Fisk University after completing an Associate in Arts degree from Miami-Dade College (hereinafter referred to as MDC).

This agreement shall also create a pathway for the admission of students of each institution into courses administered and taught by the other, thus permitting the exchange of students.

1. MDC has an open-door admissions policy that provides educational opportunities to local community residents and to national and international applicants. The mission of MDC is to provide accessible, affordable, high-quality education by keeping the learner's needs at the center of decision-making and to working in partnership with its dynamic, multicultural community. Miami Dade College offers a wide range of programs designed to meet the needs of its diverse student body. The College offers degree options and a host of career certificates and specialized programs.

The Associate in Arts degree (A.A.), designed to prepare students for further study at four-year institutions, includes more than 80 areas of concentration. The Associate in Science degree (A.S.), with more than 60 areas of study, prepares students for direct entry into the workforce. A.S. graduates take advantage of the College's numerous partnerships with innovative businesses throughout South Florida. MDC is also accredited to offer baccalaureate degree programs (B.S. in Education, B.A.S. in Public Safety Management, and BSN). These programs were designed to meet an industry need for educators, high level law enforcement professionals, and nurses respectively. The College offers numerous short-term career certificate programs, as well as courses of study to enhance career knowledge through continuing education.

COLLABORATIVE ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT, Page 2

2. Fisk University's ultimate goal is to "prepare students to be skilled, resourceful, and imaginative leaders who will address effectively the challenges of life in a technological society, a pluralistic nation, and a multicultural world." This mission is directly translated into the University's philosophy, operating principles, and the following specific goals:

- To provide programs of study, both undergraduate and graduate, of high quality, which prepare students for intellectual and social leadership in a technological society, a pluralistic nation, and a multicultural world.
- To offer a well-planned program in the liberal arts tradition, which develops among its students a broad understanding of the basic principles and values in the arts, the humanities, the natural sciences, and the social sciences.
- To maintain a strong record of excellence in teaching.
- To encourage the creation of new knowledge through research and scholarly activity of faculty and advanced students.
- Fisk University seeks to enroll men and women who will benefit from a liberal arts experience and to equip them for intellectual and social leadership. FISK looks for strong academic achievement combined with personal characteristics such as motivation, curiosity, community service, and leadership ability.

Transfer Requirements, Procedures and Opportunities

1. To be admitted into Fisk University, MDC students must submit application materials for evaluation to the Admission Office at Fisk University, and meet the requirements for admission and credit transfer to Fisk University.

Fisk University will consider students who hold an associate's degree with liberal arts emphasis. Students with an AA from MDC will be considered to have satisfied Fisk University's core course requirements with the exception of Core 360, an upper level Fisk University general education seminar. MDC applicants who are transferring their AA degree for evaluation are not required to submit high school transcripts or ACT/SAT test scores.

More specifically, MDC Transfer admission applicants seeking advanced standing at Fisk University must meet the following requirements:

- i. Submit handwritten essay and completed Fisk University Undergraduate Application.
- ii. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- iii. Submit official MDC transcripts.
- iv. Submit letter of recommendation from one MDC instructor.
- v. Submit Fisk University School Report form.

COLLABORATIVE ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT, Page 3

2. Fisk University awards financial aid based on documented need.

MDC transfer students will be considered for all financial aid, grants and scholarships as well as those for MDC transfer students.

Fisk University will provide partial but substantial scholarship funds for two MDC students each year to support tuition, books, and room and board. Tuition alone at Fisk is approximately \$13, 230 per year.

3. Admission interviews are not required but are strongly encouraged and are helpful to both the applicant and the admission officer. If an interested MDC student is unable to visit the Fisk University campus, a Fisk University admission officer will contact the student directly. Fisk University will be represented at the annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair hosted by MDC-North Campus.

Program Management and Reporting

To assure the admission and academic success of participating students, MDC and Fisk University agree to develop, maintain and continuously improve a program management and report system.

Each institution shall:

- Publicize the Collaborative Admissions Agreement among its students and faculty;
- Assign an institutional representative to coordinate activities, monitor student progress, and evaluate and improve the program;
- List the program, as appropriate in publications and websites of the institution.
- Share regularly updated copies of their general college/university catalog and any other information which may be helpful in advising students.
- Provide timely information about significant changes in the program of study that relates to the preparation of participating students.

COLLABORATIVE ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT, Page 4

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

Miami Dade College and Fisk University have completed the development of a Collaborative Admissions Agreement.

The chief executive officers do hereby execute this Agreement by virtue of their signatures as affixed below. This Agreement will be reviewed at least every two years and shall continue until such time that it is revoked in writing by either party.

This agreement was established and formally entered into on April 9, 2008 and it will be reviewed on or before June 30, 2010.

Signature obscured
for security

Dr. Norma Martin Goonen

Provost for Academic and Student Affairs

Miami Dade College

Signature obscured
for security

Dr. Kofi Lomotey

Provost

Fisk University